“Back of the Bus”

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Second Grade Standard:

Social Studies-   
 Government- 2. Explain how a system of government provides order to a group such as a school or community and why government is necessary including:   
 a. making and enforcing laws

Objective:

* Students will be able to begin to understand segregation and different laws that seem fair and unfair.

Materials:

* “Back of the Bus”
* Chart paper

Procedure:

1. The teacher will read “Back of the Bus” to the third grade students.
2. The students and teacher will talk about the word segregation and discuss briefly what it meant
3. The teacher will briefly introduce Rosa Parks and the Civil Rights Movement
4. The teacher will discuss that many people did not like or understand the purpose of segregation
5. The class will discuss laws that are unfair and why they still have to obey. This will be written on chart paper and displayed in the class.